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New Captain of Government and Media Relations Introduced

Captain Fred Fakkema has been named as the new leader of the Office of Government and Media Relations for the Washington State Patrol. Fakkema replaces Glenn Cramer, who was promoted to Deputy Chief, Field Operations Bureau, last month. Fakkema will lead the department that is responsible for working with the news media in providing public safety messages to communities around the state. In addition, he will work closely with legislators, their staff, other elected officials, and their constituents on issues involving public safety and the State Patrol.

Fakkema began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on March 18, 1985. As a trooper, he was assigned to Bremerton and Bellingham. In 1994, he was promoted to RCW Sergeant, and his assignments as a sergeant included Raymond, North Bend, and Internal Affairs as a detective sergeant. Fred was promoted to RCW Lieutenant in 1998. While a lieutenant; he was assigned to the Traffic Investigation Division and the Field Operations Bureau. In 2000, Fred was promoted to RCW Captain and assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division.

As the leader of the Commercial Vehicle Division, Fred took the division to new heights, resulting in national recognition as one of the premier commercial vehicle enforcement agencies in the country. Last year, he received the Governor's Award for his leadership in the Commercial Vehicle Division.

Fred served three years in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division. He is a recent graduate of the FBI Academy and also has earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the Evergreen State College.

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